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CALPRIVATE BANK ANNOUNCES NEW CHIEF CREDIT OFFICER

La Jolla, Calif. – May 13, 2025 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) - Private Bancorp of America, Inc. (OTCQX:PBAM) (“Company”), the parent company of CalPrivate Bank (“Bank”) announced the appointment of Andrew K Meitzen as the Bank’s new Executive Vice President and Chief Credit Officer. Mr. Meitzen brings impressive skills and diverse experience working in the banking industry at both community banks and the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC) with an emphasis in lending, credit, and enterprise risk management.

Rick Sowers, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Company and Bank stated, “We are excited to have Andrew join our team bringing his expertise in disciplined credit and deal structuring, along with the technical acumen to navigate the ever-evolving credit landscape of today’s economy.”

“I am honored to be joining the CalPrivate Team and excited to contribute to the ongoing success of the Bank and its Clients,” said Mr. Meitzen. “The core values of Relationships, Solutions and Trust resonate with me and are the perfect foundation for continued growth.”

About Private Bancorp of America, Inc.

Private Bancorp of America, Inc. (OTCQX: PBAM) PBAM is the holding company for CalPrivate Bank, which operates offices in Coronado, San Diego, La Jolla, Newport Beach, El Segundo, Beverly Hills, and soon Montecito, as well as through efficient digital banking services. CalPrivate Bank is driven by its core values of building client Relationships based on superior client Solutions, unparalleled Service, and mutual Trust. The Bank caters to high-net-worth individuals, professionals, closely held businesses, and real estate entrepreneurs, delivering a Distinctly Different™ personalized banking experience while leveraging cutting-edge technology to enhance our clients’ evolving needs. CalPrivate Bank is in the top tier of customer service survey ratings in the nation, scoring almost three times higher than the median domestic bank. The Bank offers comprehensive deposit and treasury services, rapid and creative loan options including various portfolio and government-guaranteed lending programs, cross border banking, and innovative, unique technologies that drive enhanced client performance. CalPrivate Bank has been recognized by Bank Director's RankingBanking® as the **10th best bank in the country and the #1 bank in its asset class** for both return on assets (ROA) and return on equity (ROE). CalPrivate Bank was also ranked in the **top 5% of banks** in the U.S. with assets between \$2B and \$10B by American Banker. Additionally, CalPrivate Bank is a Bauer Financial **5-star rated bank**, an SBA Preferred Lender, and has been honored as **Community Bank SBA 504 Lender of the Year** by the NADCO Community Impact Awards, exemplifying excellence in the banking industry. These prestigious rankings highlight the Bank’s commitment to delivering exceptional banking services and setting new industry standards.

Learn more at www.calprivate.bank.

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